

# Caring for your Allan Block Courtyard Fire Pit



Thank you for choosing to use our AB Courtyard Fire Pit Kit. The concrete blocks that you have selected are easily used for creating an outdoor fire pit. Simple detailed instructions are available at [allanblock.com](http://allanblock.com).

The concrete units that you are using are manufactured in an environmentally friendly manner, using natural stone and sand with integral color added to the concrete mix during the production process. As with all concrete products it is possible to experience staining from various outside elements. Fertilizers and deicing chemicals can also cause the concrete to deteriorate over time. It is advisable to minimize contact to extend the life of the products. To prevent fading from sunlight and to enhance your color you can apply a concrete sealer. If a sealer is used, follow the recommend instructions from the manufacturer of the sealer.

Based on weather conditions, on concrete you may experience a white power like deposit on the surface. This is not hazardous as its simply free salts working their way to the surface. This may be washed from the surface with a power washer or by using an efflorescence cleaner available from most building material supply stores. Allan Block Corp. does not take responsibility for this as it is a naturally occurring phenomenon, but easily cleaned on site when it does occur.

Concrete blocks will crack and/or discolor when they are exposed to direct flames or excessive heat. Fill the space between your steel fire ring with sand or gravel to minimize the heat transferred to the block.

For additional information please visit our website and [allanblock.com](http://allanblock.com). Enjoy building your project and the stories that will be told around your new fire pit from Allan Block Corp.